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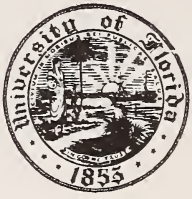

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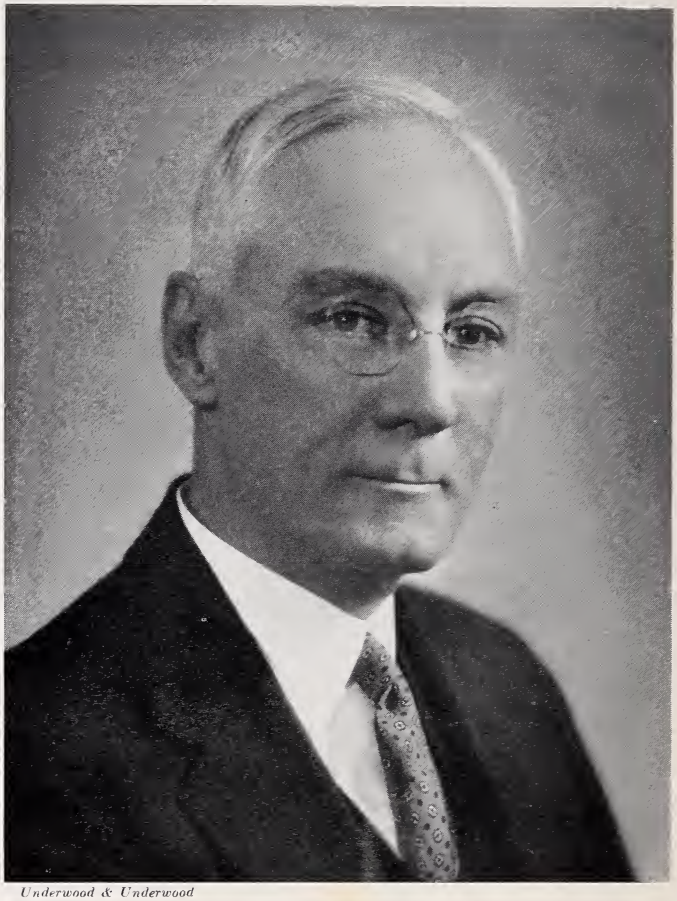

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Biography

GEORGE NICHOLAS SEGER was born in New York City, January 4, 1866; attended the public schools; settled in Passaic, N. J., in 1899 and engaged in the building business; member of the Board of Education of Passaic 1906–1911; mayor of Passaic 1911–1919; delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1916 which nominated the presidential ticket of Hughes and Fairbanks; president of the New Jersey League of Municipalities in 1917 and 1918; city director of finance 1919–1923; member of the Council of National Defense during the World War; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-eighth and to the eight succeeding Congresses, and served from March 4, 1923, until his death, in Washington, D. C., on August 26, 1940; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

In the House of Representatives

THURSDAY, *May 8, 1941.*

Mr. BEAM. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following resolution, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

House Resolution 201

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 18th day of June 1941, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on Memorials, under the provisions of clause 40–A of rule XI. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record until the last issue of the Record of the first session of the Seventy-seventh Congress on the life, character, and public service of the deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings the Speaker shall call the House to order, and then, as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased, he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

Seventy-seventh Congress
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Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11: 15 to 11: 45)
United States Marine Band Orchestra

Presiding Officer------ The Speaker of the House of Representatives

Invocation---------- The Chaplain, Dr. James Shera Montgomery

Lead Kindly Light (Dykes)---------- Male Quartet

Scripture reading and prayer---------- The Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members
The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Devotional silence

Address---------- Hon. Luther A. Johnson
Representative from the State of Texas

The Long Day Closes (Sullivan)---------- Male Quartet

Address---------- Hon. Harold Knutson
Representative from the State of Minnesota

Crossing the Bar (Barnby)---------- Male Quartet

Taps---------- Winfred Kemp

Benediction---------- The Chaplain

George Nicholas Seger

Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, *June 18, 1941.*

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The Chaplain, Dr. Montgomery:

Almighty God, fount of all life, Thou art our refuge and strength; Thou art our help in trouble. Enable us we pray Thee, to put our trust in Thee that we may obtain comfort and find grace to help in this and every time of need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? The righteous live forever, and the care of them is with the Most High; with His right arm He shall cover them, and with His arm He shall shield them.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God; and if children,

then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

What then shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Yet love will dream and faith will trust
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.
Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cyprus trees!
Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,
Nor sees the breaking of the day,
Across the mournful marbles play!
Who hath not learned in hours of faith
The truth, to flesh and sense unknown,
That life is ever lord of death,
And love can never lose its own!

"Lead Kindly Light" was sung by the male quartet.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Roger M. Calloway, reading clerk of the House, read the following roll:

ERNEST WILLARD GIBSON, a Senator from the State of Vermont: Born December 29, 1872; soldier; educator; lawyer; deputy clerk, United States district court; member State house of representatives, 1906; member of the State senate, 1908, serving as president pro

tempore; State's attorney, 1919–21; Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth and the five succeeding Congresses; appointed to the United States Senate November 21, 1933, and subsequently elected for unexpired term; reelected in 1938; died June 20, 1940.

ERNEST LUNDEEN, a Senator from the State of Minnesota: Born August 4, 1878; lawyer; soldier; member of the State house of representatives, 1910–14; delegate Republican National Conventions, 1912 and 1916; served in Twelfth Minnesota Volunteers during Spanish-American War, Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth, Seventy-third, and Seventy-fourth Congresses; elected to the United States Senate 1936; died August 31, 1940.

KEY PITTMAN, a Senator from the State of Nevada: Born September 19, 1872; lawyer; member of committee that formulated the "consent" form of government for Nome, Alaska; first prosecuting attorney at Nome; elected to the United States Senate for unexpired term, 1912; reelected in 1916, 1922, 1928, and again in 1934; secretary Senate Democratic caucus, 1913–17; Democratic conference nominee for President pro tempore of the Senate for the Sixty-sixth and the six ensuing Congresses; elected President pro tempore of the Senate and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, 1933, serving until his death, November 10, 1940.

MORRIS SHEPPARD, a Senator from the State of Texas: Born May 28, 1875; lawyer; first president of the Texas Fraternal Congress, in Dallas in 1908; Member of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, Sixty-first, and Sixty-second Congresses; elected to the United States Senate, 1913, 1918, 1924, 1930, and again in 1936; was dean of the Congress at the time of his death, April 9, 1941.

WILLIS BENJAMIN GIBBS, Eighth Congressional District of Georgia: Born April 15, 1889; lawyer; solicitor city court of Jesup, 1914; solicitor general, Brunswick judicial circuit, 1924–33; Member of the Seventy-sixth Congress; died August 7, 1940.

GEORGE NICHOLAS SEGER, Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey: Born January 4, 1866; businessman; educator; mayor of Passaic, 1911–19; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1916; president New Jersey State League of Municipalities, 1912–14; city director of finance, 1919–23; Member of the Sixty-eighth and the eight succeeding Congresses; died August 26, 1940.

WILLIAM BROCKMAN BANKHEAD, Seventh Congressional District of Alabama: Born April 12, 1874; lawyer; member State house of rep-

resentatives, 1900–1901; city attorney, Huntsville, 1898–1902; solicitor, fourteenth judicial circuit, 1910–14; Member of the Sixty-fifth and the 11 succeeding Congresses; chairman, Committee on Rules, Seventy-third Congress; majority leader, first session Seventy-fourth Congress; twice elected Speaker of the House of Representatives; died September 15, 1940.

SAMUEL CHAPMAN MASSINGALE, Seventh Congressional District of Oklahoma: Born August 2, 1870; lawyer; member of the Oklahoma Territorial Council, 1902; served as a member of the Second Texas Infantry, Spanish-American War; Member of the Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fifth, Seventy-sixth, and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died January 17, 1941.

KENNETH FARRAND SIMPSON, Seventeenth Congressional District of New York: Born May 4, 1895; lawyer; soldier; educator; captain, Three Hundred and Second Field Artillery, United States Army, 1917–19; chairman, Republican County Comimttee, New York, 1935–40; member, Republican National Committee, 1937–40; delegate to the Republican National Convention, 1936 and 1940; Member of the Seventy-seventh Congress; died January 25, 1941.

WILLIAM DEVEREUX BYRON, Sixth Congressional District of Maryland: Born May 15, 1895; businessman; lieutenant, Aviation Corps, World War; mayor of Williamsport, 1926–30; member of the State senate, 1930–34; member of the Maryland State Roads Commission, 1934–35; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died February 27, 1941.

PIUS LOUIS SCHWERT, Forty-second Congressional District of New York: Born November 22, 1892; banker; bachelor of science and economics; businessman; ensign, United States Navy; county clerk, 1933–36; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died March 11, 1941.

ALONZO DILLARD FOLGER, Fifth Congressional District of North Carolina: Born July 9, 1888; lawyer; trustee, University of North Carolina, 1932–38; judge, superior court of North Carolina, 1937; member of the Democratic National Committee, 1936–40; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died April 30, 1941.

M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, Fourteenth Congressional District of New York: Born February 5, 1888; lawyer; received degree of bachelor of law, Brooklyn Law School, 1909; admitted to the bar, State of New York, 1910; subsequently admitted to practice in the United States district courts of New York, the Circuit Court for the

Second District, and the United States Supreme Court; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died June 4, 1941.

Mrs. NORTON, a Representative from the State of New Jersey, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum, placed a memorial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

Then followed 1 minute of devotional silence.

Dr. MONTGOMERY. Almighty God, from whom we come and unto whom our spirits return, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Thou art our refuge and strength and a very present help in trouble. Grant us Thy blessing in this hour, and enable us to put our trust in Thee, that our spirits may grow calm and our hearts be comforted. Lift our eyes beyond the shadows of earth and help us to see the light of eternity. So may we find grace and strength for this and every time of need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hon. LUTHER A. JOHNSON, a Representative from the State of Texas, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. LUTHER A. JOHNSON

Mr. LUTHER A. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, we have met today, in this annual memorial service, to pay just and loving tribute to the memory of our colleagues who have left us.

Since we last assembled in like service, nine Members of the House and four Senators have answered the final summons and responded to their last roll call.

They died in the service of their country, at their post of duty, and those of us who labored with them can best attest to their fidelity and evaluate the quality of service they gave to this Republic.

We knew them in their daily life. We saw them while they were on duty and under fire, meeting crises in passing upon great questions affecting the welfare and destiny of their country, and these are the testing times which determine the

character, the caliber, and the fiber of which men are made. Measured by every standard, they were all men of character, integrity, ability, and fidelity.

They were among our ablest and most distinguished Members. Each had his very vivid personality, his lively individuality, and each stood with a marked degree of eminence among us.

Observance of custom and limitation of time prevent my paying tribute to each. Other Members will do this in the printed Record. But in passing I cannot refrain from mentioning two of them. One of these had attained the eminent position of Speaker of the House, second only in importance to the Presidency of the United States, our beloved and late Speaker, WILLIAM B. BANKHEAD, whose brilliant mind, whose charming personality, whose rugged honesty, and whose superb eloquence earned for him during his service of nearly 24 years in the House a national reputation as an orator and a statesman of the first magnitude.

I recall that when Speaker Byrnes, his immediate predecessor, passed away Mr. Speaker BANKHEAD paid tribute to him, and in that forceful and characteristic manner of his, and with deep emotion, said:

> I cannot but feel that somehow and in some way his spiritual presence and his solicitude still abide within this Chamber.

Today in this sacred service I likewise feel that the immortal spirit of our late Speaker BANKHEAD abides with us.

The other, Senator MORRIS SHEPPARD, the dean of Congress, who served continuously in the Senate of the United States for more than 28 years, and immediately preceding served continuously as a Member of the House for more than 10 years, the length of his continuous service as a Member of Congress being 38 years 5 months and 29 days, a record unequaled by that of any other individual with two exceptions since the foundation of our Government.

A knightly warrior, eloquent and able, a loyal friend, with a kind and noble spirit and a soul pure and unsullied, who

literally gave his life in service to his constituents and his country—that was MORRIS SHEPPARD.

The lives of all these whom we honor today were doubtless shortened by the service they gave to their country. Illustrative of the high death rate in the House, during my 18 years here I have served under 7 different Speakers, and 4 of these died while holding that high office. Contrary to the popular belief, membership in Congress requires constant labor. The manifold duties here require not only unremitting toil but deep thought, often vexatious worry, and this has been true at all times, but especially so during the grave crisis through which our country has been passing during the past few years.

A few years ago a well-known writer and prominent businessman was elected to membership in the House and after serving a short time and familiarizing himself with the duties here and becoming acquainted with his colleagues, wrote an article for a current magazine entitled "What Surprised Me About Congress," in which he described his disillusionment as to the ability of Congressmen and the amount of work which they do. His conclusion was that, viewing Congress from the inside, he was surprised to find how hard they worked, how much they knew, and the conscientious manner in which they discharged their obligations.

If the American people could see Congress at close range, and follow them daily, they would reach the same conclusion as did the distinguished author of that article.

The Congress of the United States epitomizes and expresses as no other body possibly can the genuine spirit and the profound emotion of American life. To be chosen out of a population of 130,000,000 people to be the Representatives of their constituents in the national law-making body is an honor.

Critics may speak in disparagement of our national law-making body, but the history of our Government reveals that, by and large, the type of men who have served here excel in

character and ability the same number of men in any other similar group.

The membership of Congress, representing as it does divergent views and faiths, both political and religious, and coming from those of wealth and those of poverty, might be compared to a great mosaic, reflecting a true cross section of the American people.

It has always been a popular pastime to ridicule any legislative body, and Congress has often been made the subject of gibe and criticism, but not only the quality of its membership but the importance of the work which Congress performs is a complete answer to those who scoff.

If some foolish and fantastic decision should ever be made that one of the three coordinate branches of the Government should be abolished, the legislative, if a democracy is to survive, would be the last to go. Whatever else may be said about the Congress of the United States, with all of its faults and its foibles, it is the palladium of our liberty, and when Congress falls the Republic will die.

These colleagues of ours were worthy and honored members of this great institution, which constitutes the bulwark of our Government, and they measured up in the highest degree to all responsibilities devolving upon them. They knew first-hand what Congress was and what it meant not only to the present but to the future. Theirs was the responsibility to solve the perplexing problems of economic and social progress, to adjust differences between various contending groups, to pass laws to protect the weak from the strong, and to see that a code of government existed where justice and right would prevail, and where happiness and prosperity might abound.

They were all patriotic Americans, loving its institutions and willing to die, if necessary, to preserve them. They witnessed the threat to democracy, both from without and within, and, belonging to different political parties, may have at times differed as to methods, but all were inspired by the same

holy ambition—that a government of the people, for the people, and by the people should not perish from the earth; that no dictator, however powerful he may be, shall ever lay his unholy hands upon this temple of democracy, established by the wisdom, the blood, and the sacrifices of our fathers.

To those of us who survive they have tossed the torch, and ours is the duty to carry on. Let us make this sacred hour not one of memorial alone but a rededication and rebirth of patriotism. Emulating their virtues and their consecration to duty, "let us highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain"; that in this dark and threatening period which menaces our existence as a nation we shall eschew all bitterness and strife, forget racial and religious differences, adjourn partisan politics, and unite as one great people, under one flag, and with one destiny—that destiny to defend America and to preserve inviolate her institutions.

The votes which our colleagues cast and the speeches which they made are preserved in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, but their memory is enshrined forever in our hearts. We shall remember best not their official record but our association with them and the ties of lasting friendship which death cannot sever and which is one of the compensating joys of our service here.

The greatest comfort and consolation that can come to their families is not alone the splendid record which they made as faithful public servants but the heritage of a good name which they have transmitted to their children, and the love, loyalty, and generous devotion which they bestowed upon their loved ones.

Each geographical section is represented in the list of our sacred dead, New England, the North Atlantic States, the deep South, the great Southwest, the Central, the Midwest, and the far West. All have representatives who have been called by the Divine Master of men to His eternal home. Death is no respecter of sections or of persons; the rich and

the poor, the high and the low, the weak and the strong have always responded to its decree, from which there is no appeal.

But there is a comforting and solacing thought, the Christian faith, handed down to us by our fathers, and which shall abide with us forever, that death does not end all; that—

Behind the dim, unknown
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own—

that there is a spiritual world to which man belongs, and of which he is a part, and the touch of death cannot separate him from this eternal life.

As I think of the departure of our friends, I am reminded of those lines written by Alfred Tennyson, on the occasion of the death of his dearest friend:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a time as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

The quartet sang "Crossing the Bar."

Hon. HAROLD KNUTSON, a Representative from the State of Minnesota, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. HAROLD KNUTSON

Mr. KNUTSON. Mr. Speaker, this day has been set aside from our busy calendar to commemorate the past. It is not so much a day of sorrow as it is a day for retrospection and

reflection. Today fond memory is given leeway over the pressing affairs of this troubled world.

Years ago a famous agnostic said that life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. In other words, he saw life as a futile meandering through a desolate desert wilderness, surrounded on all sides by cold and bitter despair.

What a description to give to a triumphant adventure; what a mocking play on words; what a tragic lack of faith in the sublime promise of our Saviour, Teacher, and Master. To me—and I am sure to all of you—life has been a journey, full of pleasant and worth-while contacts, precious friendships, hallowed and cherished memories.

Life is a journey through green valleys where we hear the murmur of the brook as it wends its way toward the sea of eternity; where man is born, attains maturity, strives and accomplishes according to his abilities and will to attain.

In the springtime we may see the trees and plants shooting their buds, which later burst into a profusion of foliage and flowers, while overhead feathery friends entertain us from dawn to dusk with their sweet and melodious symphonies.

In the heat of midday we may sit in the restful shade beside the brook and drink of the stream of life, contemplating the goodness and the greatness of our Creator and Comforter, while before us pass in kaleidoscopic review cherished friendships of the past, and incidents that are treasured milestones in our journey through life.

In the full richness of fall, when the golden glow is on all nature, we harvest what we have sown. It is then that we garner the fruits of our labor, and reap the blessings of well-spent lives, devoted to the service of others.

The Congress of the United States is a true cross section of America and the American people, and therefore reflects to a faithful degree their views, their hopes, and their aspirations. Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln were true exponents of those ideals, which had their beginnings in the

rich and fertile soil of a continent free from the hatreds, fears, and prejudices of the Old World.

Here meet Representatives of the people to legislate for 132,000,000 free men, women, and children. They come from every section of the land, from all stations in life, and reflect every shade of opinion. A few are wealthy, but the majority have only their pay. With us there is no class distinction, no caste system. All work elbow to elbow for the common weal, animated by the same noble ideals and lofty purposes. All have but one goal—the greatest good to the greatest number. Therein, my friends, lies the strength of the Republic; thereon is builded the endurance and grandeur which is America.

Perhaps no other calling is so rich in opportunity for real service to our great country and to the people who have their being therein. It has been well said that "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in this world."

The Congress of the United States has been called the greatest legislative body in all the world. My countrymen, it is more than that. In these dark and troublesome times the Congress is the anchorage of free government, a beacon light of hope to the persecuted and oppressed in other and less-favored lands.

To us, it is hard to understand how an individual, or a group, can find it in their hearts to persecute those of other creeds, races, or colors. We must accept the doctrine that God created man in His own image, hence such persecution is a rejection of the Golden Rule, a reversion to barbarism.

These are troublous days, freighted with complex and vexatious problems. At times we almost despair of the future. For a solution we turn here, there, and yon, but we will not despair for we know that in our own hands we hold the solution. The salvation of the world lies in faith, frugality, tolerance, charity, forgiveness, and creative labor.

In these cruel and trying times there is need for humane, honest, wise, and courageous leadership—leadership that is

consecrated wholeheartedly to the common weal. The call is for those who will submerge self in the cause of the many. Such are to be found wherever patriotic men and women congregate, and it is on them that the hope and the safety and the perpetuity of the Republic must and will rest.

God give us men who are not afraid to brave the scorn and contumely of passing whims, prejudices, and passions. Almighty God, forsake us not in this troublous hour when courage appears to have taken flight and reason is tottering on her throne.

Mankind has passed through many similar and worse experiences and situations in the past. To cure present-day ills and maladjustments will need time and serious thought, but a people resolved to find the remedy for them will discover and apply them, as surely as the rising of tomorrow's sun. We will not, we cannot, fail to do so.

To my colleagues may I offer this encouragement to carry on the battle to preserve republican government at home: "Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord, thy God, He it is that doth go with thee. He will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

What will come out of the travail and suffering that mankind is now undergoing? It is for us to decide. Shall it be economic and political slavery or continued freedom—freedom to dare, to venture, to achieve, or are we henceforth to live the lives of birds confined in cages? Rather should we not resolve to remain human eagles free to soar to loftier heights, to attain yet nobler objectives, to accomplish yet greater things? Again, the answer rests in ourselves.

The true spirit of America is epitomized in a statue erected to the memory of the Pioneer Woman situated on the old National Trail, some miles east of Washington, Pa. There she stands, self-reliant, unafraid, with a babe in arm, an older child clutching her skirt, armed with a deer rifle, peering earnestly ahead for hidden dangers that she fears for her brood but cannot see. Strong, brave, self-reliant, she typifies

the America we all revere. She it was who made possible the pacification and development of the great country we all love. She it was who transmitted to us a heritage of bravery, self-reliance, and confidence in ourselves and in our destiny, which gave to us the strength and the will to make of this the greatest nation of which there is recorded history.

Today, as never before, we miss the wise and courageous counsel of our departed friends and colleagues. Would that they were here now to advise us, to tell us what to do. We miss them sorely.

We must cleave to the will and wish to create, to build better and greater. Subversive influences that would undermine the foundations upon which the Republic rests must be eradicated and destroyed. Here, there can be room only for those who love our country, honor our institutions, and revere our traditions. Those who do not subscribe to these requirements must seek haven in other lands. Here, there can be no divided allegiance, no second choice.

Since our last memorial day four Senators and nine Representatives have been summoned to the supreme congress above. For them the turbulence of the forum has subsided. Today they have their place in a higher body where bitter partisan strife is unknown. While they are no longer with us in the flesh, their spirit is ever with us, and the memory of their labors here is an inspiration to us to carry on. Their names are writ in letters of living light on the scroll of service to their country and fellow man. "They are not dead, they are merely away."

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Since the very inception of Christianity the followers of the lowly Nazarene have been subjected to persecution, oppression, and ridicule. Many have suffered exile from their homeland, and even martyrdom for its sake, but faith ever carried them through, and with the passing of time their

number has increased until the cross has been carried into every corner of the earth.

To countless millions it has become a symbol of hope, a refuge in time of storm.

The Christian religion has been assailed times without number, but none have been able to offer anything substantial or tangible in its place. It has been, is, and ever will be the greatest known balm and source of comfort to mankind. It greets us at the cradle, sustains us throughout a troublous life, and its gentle and merciful ministrations enable us to face the end with hope, with courage, and with fortitude.

To the sorrowing mother who grieves over the loss of her child, to the abandoned Magdalen who walks the streets, to the man who has lost his faith, to the wayward son who roams the earth, to the cynic who scoffs and doubts—to these and to all mankind the promises of the Saviour come as a solace in their hour of darkest despair. It is then, one and all turn to Him for hope, peace, and comfort. There is, there can be no other outlet for our heart's desire. In Him rests the hope of mankind. Without that hope life would be a black void.

He has promised us eternal life, free from pain and doubt and despair. We know that He has prepared a place for His children where we shall some day gather, where broken family ties will be reunited, where cherished friendships shall be renewed. What a precious promise; what a glorious fulfillment.

Death is only a quiet door
  Set in a garden wall;
On gentle hinges it gives, at dusk
  When the thrushes call.
Along the lintel are green leaves,
  Beyond the light lies still;
Very willing and weary feet
  Go over that sill.
There is nothing to trouble any heart
  Nothing to hurt at all
Death is only a quiet door,
  In an old garden wall.

The quartet sang "The Long Day Closes."

Mr. Winfred Kemp, principal musician, United States Marine Band Orchestra, sounded taps.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., pronounced the benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and evermore.

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Remarks by Representative Canfield

Of New Jersey

Mr. CANFIELD. Mr. Speaker, humbly do I join in this memorial tribute to GEORGE NICHOLAS SEGER, who represented the Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey for almost nine terms. He was my chief, my friend, my mentor, and 1 year ago today he was making plans to "stump" for me to succeed him. His sudden death in August broke up our 18-year-old partnership in service, and I had to forego the happiness of having him at my side when I took the oath of office on January 3, 1941.

Mr. SEGER was a man of sterling character and it gave him great joy in late life to reflect on his more than 30 years of public service—school commissioner, mayor, and Representative—and to realize he had kept the book clean. Every political opponent admitted this and he was properly classified as his district's public citizen No. 1. He was an outstanding exemplar of the philosophy "a man can be honest in public life and go places." And he believed mightily the theory it pays to do well the little things in life—courtesies, humanities, acts of friendship.

When Mr. SEGER and I first teamed up he impressed upon me ours was to be a "We" relationship. Frankly, I doubt that Capitol Hill history can record a closer relationship of Member and secretary. This was emphasized by his frequent reference to me as his "third son."

Because he was the World War mayor of his home city of Passaic, Mr. SEGER always felt close to the veterans of that war. He sent his two sons overseas and he officiated

at many send-offs of other boys. Giving those boys the then oft-repeated assurances that all would be well when they came home, he was saddened later at the disappointments and heartaches of those who did return. This was his principal reason for his support of the payment of the soldiers' bonus which in 1936 almost cost him his reelection, close business friends then holding such payment would ruin the financial structure of the country.

Mr. SEGER'S sons served in the Navy and he himself loved the water. He made several trips abroad with Mrs. Seger, and when he came to the Congress he was assigned to the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, being ranking minority member at the time of his death. He had a deep affection for the chairman, Representative Joseph J. Mansfield, of Texas, and the two cooperated for years in the development of America's ports and waterways. When the Texan once told him he, Mr. SEGER, was destined to become chairman he replied that they would have to have "the two Joes on hand to help." Besides the chairman he was making reference to Joseph H. McGann, long-time faithful and efficient clerk to the committee.

It pleased Mr. SEGER when Postmaster General James A. Farley came to Paterson in 1933 to dedicate that great industrial city's new Federal Building. Digressing from his prepared manuscript, the Democratic chieftain paid great tribute "to the Congressman from this district for his services to his people and the Nation."

In many of his talks, particularly when he would sight Democrats in the audience, Mr. SEGER would recall that his father was once a Democratic member of the New York City Board of Aldermen. It was in the days of "Boss" Tweed, and when the elder Seger refused to obey orders from the boss he was purged, serving but one term.

Mr. SEGER'S gracious and charming daughter who had been his campaign manager in his first campaign came to Washington with him in 1923. Here she met and married a truly

fine gentleman of the South, one who sat on the other side of the aisle from her father, Representative Frederick H. Dominick, of Newberry, S. C. Their two lovely daughters, Joan and Doris, were Mr. SEGER's joy and after Mrs. Seger's passing in 1934 he spent almost every congressional recess in the Southland.

Mr. SEGER loved the House and its membership. I have often heard him say he would rather serve his district in Congress than have any other post within the gift of the people. Friends had often urged him to consider the governorship of New Jersey, but he would never do so. He was much concerned about the international situation as it grew from bad to worse last summer, and he prayed that he would never have to see a World War No. 2, one engulfing America.

There were no prejudices, no hates, in the make-up of this great American citizen, and people of every race, color, and creed knew him as their friend, their champion. Meticulous about his personal habits, he was so about his daily record of "things done." I have never known a man in public or private life who kept a more accurate diary, that book he kept so clean.

There is no group in American life who can appraise a public man better than the gentlemen of the press. Reporters everywhere saluted this genial, friendly dean of the New Jersey congressional delegation, and they did so for the same reason men and women of all stations of life wept when they heard of his passing. They knew he was good and they knew he loved his fellow men.

The world today is better because of GEORGE NICHOLAS SEGER. The heritage he left me is immeasurable.

I see a hand you cannot see!
I hear a voice you cannot hear.

Remarks by Representative Sutphin

Of New Jersey

Mr. SUTPHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my respects to my colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey, GEORGE N. SEGER, who, after nine terms of consecutive service in this body has passed to his greater reward. Respected, and much loved by his colleagues and by the people he served, he has earned an honored place among those who served State and Nation.

GEORGE SEGER is remembered for his kindliness, for his conscientious service in this House, and for the personal and understanding manner in which he helped the people of his constituency. His service was beyond partisanship, beyond what many would consider the responsibility of a Member.

This venerable gentleman from across the aisle was my friend, and was a friend to every Member in the House. He radiated geniality, and in his full life of three score and fifteen years was never known to bear enmity toward anyone.

Revered, loved, and respected, GEORGE SEGER carved a niche for himself in the hearts of all who knew him.

Remarks by Representative Treadway

Of Massachusetts

Mr. TREADWAY. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE NICHOLAS SEGER, dean of New Jersey's delegation in the House of Representatives, whom we lost through death last August, was a close personal friend of mine since 1922 and I miss him deeply.

Mr. SEGER was a builder. That was his vocation in life. He was a builder in the House, where he was respected not only for his personal charm, his sterling character, but also for his fund of common sense and his knowledge of the tried and true principles of business.

The gentleman from New Jersey spoke rarely and on such occasions he always found a most attentive House because his contribution was both sincere and constructive.

Opposed to the Federal Government going into business in competition with private industry, he was the first to obtain an amendment to appropriation legislation to halt this trend.

Mr. SEGER was particularly active on the House Rivers and Harbors Committee. He was ranking minority member and for 18 years he assisted mightily in the development of America's harbors and waterways.

This man symbolized human kindness. I never saw him lose his temper. I remember him for his friendly smile, his warm handshake.

> He had loved no darkness,
> Sophisticated no truth,
> Allowed no fear.

The plans he made for his secretary, whom he called his partner, make up one of the most interesting chapters in the history of the Congress and Capitol Hill.

Remarks by Representative Kean

Of New Jersey

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, we meet today to pay tribute to the memories of our colleagues who have answered the last roll call in the past year.

Among them is listed the beloved dean of the New Jersey Republican delegation, GEORGE N. SEGER, of the Eighth District, who died on August 26 last, following a brief illness.

It was not my good fortune to have been intimately acquainted with Mr. SEGER over a long period of years. I knew him casually as one who was prominent throughout the State of New Jersey for a long time and who served faithfully and well his home city of Passaic as its mayor from 1911 to 1919, and as director of finance from 1919 to 1923; and then the Eighth Congressional District from 1923 until his death.

But my close association with him dates to my coming to Congress in January 1939 as a fledgling member of the New Jersey delegation when he helped to make easy my apprenticeship in the Halls of this body. For his kindness and courtesy to me then I shall aways remember him affectionately in the years to come.

To my mind Mr. SEGER had all those qualities which typify the real gentleman. Clean, wholesome, courteous, and kind; a family man in the finest sense—a devoted husband, a loving and lovable father. To his friends he was ever loyal and sympathetic and was always ready to help make lighter their burdens.

In him was gathered a constellation of virtuous qualities of mind and character which reflected that splendid personality which made up his soul. And as these exercises today serve to call him to our minds we experience a deep sense of grief for the loss that has come to us in his death. We grieve

for him because we loved him; in that respect our grief is ennobling for we could not mourn for someone we did not love.

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, the memory of our beloved friend and colleague, the late Representative GEORGE NICHOLAS SEGER, was paid a most fitting tribute at services held in the First Presbyterian Church of his home city of Passaic, N. J., on Sunday night, September 8. The services were held under the auspices of the veterans' organizations of the Eighth Congressional District. The eulogy was pronounced by Rev. George H. Talbott, pastor of the church, a veteran of the World War and a dear friend of Mr. SEGER. More than 1,000 veterans and other sorrowing friends heard Dr. Talbott speak, as follows:

The sudden death of Congressman GEORGE NICHOLAS SEGER at the United States Naval Hospital in Washington, early in the morning of August 26, this year, has cast a cloud of sorrow that has been most deeply felt in this city, but the darkness which burdens us has been felt throughout the entire congressional district, and has extended itself in varying degrees throughout our State and Nation.

Naturally his passing is most deeply mourned here in the city of Passaic, for while he was known and loved throughout the congressional district, it is here in this city where he made his home, where his children grew to maturity, where he labored in the early years of his business and political career, and it is here where he wanted to spend those sunset years of honorable retirement from public service.

It is altogether fitting and proper that this memorial service should be under the auspices of the Veterans of American Wars, and no one more than they realize that while they have taken upon themselves the responsibility for conducting a public memorial, there are truly thousands in various communities in no wise allied with veterans' organizations whose sentiments they are feebly trying to express.

BESPEAKS VETERANS' SYMPATHY

On behalf of the veterans of the Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey, I convey especially to his daughter and sons

our deep and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of their father. His accomplishments in public life must not in our mind overshadow the fact that above all position and beyond all honor he was a kind and devoted husband to his wife, who preceded his passing by 6 years, and although his duties as a public citizen necessarily occupied a vast amount of time, he was an affectionate and gracious father.

There are two schools of historians in the world, and these two schools have been from the beginning of time. One school of historians lays heavy emphasis upon dates and times and facts and figures. We may call this the factual school of history. There is another school that veers more toward the philosophical interpretation of those facts. This school of historians is not primarily concerned with the minute accuracy of dates and places but attempts to weigh effects and to view events in their ultimate impact upon life. It is in keeping with the second view of history I shall attempt to appraise the public life of our departed friend.

HIS SERVICE TO CITY AND NATION

After valued service to his city as a commissioner and mayor, he sat for 18 years among the leaders of our Nation and deliberated upon questions that concern our beloved land and have much to do with the course of world history in our time and in the future. In his record here and there one may find something with which to disagree, for disagreement on political matters is, I take it, still one of the few remaining rights which we have in America; but, nevertheless, the broad appraisal of his career shows the outlines of a sound statesmanlike understanding of the social and political problems that play such an important part in our workaday life. Throughout these 18 years in the Nation's service he had the advice and fidelity not only of his family but of his faithful secretary, Mr. Gordon Canfield. To him at this time I express the sympathy of the veterans.

NOT AN ORATOR OR TRICKSTER

What was there about GEORGE N. SEGER which made him Passaic's first citizen—one of the outstanding men of this State? Let me immediately dispose of some things. GEORGE N. SEGER was not an orator of the first rank. Many men have achieved political fame and have made their contribution in history for good or ill primarily because of their gift for oratory, but GEORGE SEGER cannot be placed in that company. He spoke in plain understandable language and never indulged in fancy phrases that are designed to tickle the ear and deceive the soul. GEORGE N. SEGER was not what the public

understands as a clever politician. He had no tricks—he never held before his people the glittering light of false hope. I have never heard he ever made a promise in the ear and broke it in the heart. He was not possessed of that undesirable quality, known as political necromancy, which gains a man temporarily, and in some instances a lifelong preference, only to be fully exposed at the time of his death.

It sometimes happens—in fact, it very frequently happens—that while men are alive and in the full and flood tide of their power they are able to submerge incidents and pervert the truth of their public life, which, if known at the time, would have brought about universal condemnation, but which arises like spirits from the nether regions to plague their memory after death.

HE HAD NOTHING TO HIDE

No biographer, however scurrilous his character or deep his venom, can now go from post to post and gather bits of unexposed scandal about his life and parade them out for public consumption.

There are no stories about GEORGE SEGER that need to be covered with the remark, "Let nothing but good be said of the dead." No political chicanery comes to light. His record in death is what it was in life. He was a plain, honest, clean, sincere public servant, who was guided by his conscience and common sense, and did that which he thought was best for his district and his Nation.

Some men who aspire to serve the public believe in order to be successful they must resort to promises which they cannot fulfill and which they make only in order to secure their own personal advancement. GEORGE SEGER was successful in the realm of politics, and I challenge any man to accuse him of resorting to deceitful practices in order to secure his advancement.

MEN CAN LIVE CLEAN

We have been told, and it is quite deeply seated in the public mind that public service is of necessity laden with uncleanness and these who serve become unclean. The life of GEORGE SEGER is a standing and irrefutable argument against those who believe that. It has been said, and in some quarters it is widely believed, that in order to be a successful public servant a man must consort with those elements in our life which are mean and vicious, and must pass on ribald stories and salacious tales to impress the man on the street that he is a regular fellow. The cleanness of GEORGE SEGER'S life and his cleanness of speech brought him respect, admiration, and confidence amid all sections of society, and his life is a standing rebuke to those who feel that it is necessary to stir

up the soul in order that they may perchance accomplish a little good.

HIS TOLERANCE

Some people believe it is necessary to arouse religious and racial and class hatred in order to advance themselves politically. Those who believe that can justly point to some who occupy high places in the world and have built themselves up in just that manner, for probably at this very hour in which I am speaking, there is more racial and religious hatred in the world than at any time within the memory of any living citizen. In truth, competent historians tell us that the waves of social and religious and class hatred, which are now engulfing the world, are greater at this time that at any time within the history of what we call modern civilization. We love and we admire GEORGE SEGER'S life because no word of racial hatred, religious intolerance, or class antagonism ever escaped his lips. That is a broad statement. It is not made idly—it has been fully weighed, but I challenge any man to show where he ever advanced himself politically by stirring class hatred, racial misunderstanding, or religious bigotry.

GEORGE SEGER, as near as any man I have personally known, incarnated within himself the essence of the American ideal of democracy. For many, democracy has been a hollow truth and the very word itself too often has become a platitude, but now when democracy is being challenged on all sides and important statesmen in the world are calling it the philosophy of degeneracy, it comes as a healthful breeze to realize that although our departed friend is no longer able to defend the fundamental truths of democracy as he exhibited them in his words and acts, it can be said in the language of the Scripture, "that he being dead, yet speaketh."

LOOKED TO HIS CONSTITUENTS

With GEORGE SEGER, public office was not a device to catch votes nor a means to attain power. He was a representative of his district. He heard the voice of constituents. He had confidence in the judgment of his constituents. He did not believe he was infallible. He believed that although he was intimately connected with affairs of the Nation that his own constituents, no matter how humble a station in life they held, were able to give him information and insight on national conditions that affected them vitally.

We in America today need to do much serious thinking regarding our democracy. We need to thoroughly weigh in the balance with calm, dispassionate reasoning the pros and cons of our con-

stitutional democracy. We must be on our guard that the birthright for which our ancestors fought and for which some of us have offered our services, is not taken from our hands because of selfish motives on our part or because we have refused through laziness to guard that sacred treasure handed down to us and fragrant with the blood of many martyrs.

GEORGE SEGER AND THE VETERANS

That is the reason why veterans were dear to the heart of GEORGE N. SEGER. They stood ready to die for their country, and to him pure democracy is one of the gifts of God that may require life itself to preserve. He was not a military man. His philosophy of life had no place for force used as a means of international exploitation, but he firmly believed that the heritage which is to use one of our God-given rights was ours because men had been willing to lay down the tools of secular life and to temporarily take the instruments of war, in order to guard and perpetuate those things which are dearer to us than life itself. That is the reason why it is that every veteran in this congressional district found in GEORGE SEGER a friend. It was not because at one time we veterans had belonged to the military but that we belonged to the military only because that was the means found necessary to preserve the God-given rights that we Americans want to be ours.

The strong winds of life in a very short time blow away from the memory we leave the superficial things of our character. The memory of all of us within a few short years will be bleak and gaunt. The harsh winds of life beat about our memories as the sands beat against the sphinx of Egypt, leaving only the rugged outlines which are strengthened by masses of stone.

WHAT WILL VERDICT BE?

What will be the verdict of the history of this community of the life of GEORGE N. SEGER as he lived among us, as a businessman, as a member of the board of education, as a commissioner, and mayor of our city, and as our Representative in the National Congress? It has only been a short time since his death. In fact it has been so brief that his name is spoken in the hushed tones that mark places of bereavement, but even now the permanent outlines of his character are engraving themselves upon the public mind.

I do not wish to assume the role of a prophet, but I do venture to say that the enduring memory of our friend will be the outline of a man whose outstanding characteristic was a rugged honesty, a deep devotion toward public service, a statesman of sound judgment, not carried away by every will-o'-the-wisp of strange economic fancy, nor swayed by the breezes of false political philoso-

phies. In a day when many brilliant men are being carried away by political ideas that history proves to be disastrous and futile, GEORGE SEGER stood out like a rock for soundness, sobriety, honesty of intention, and deep integrity.

The fact that he had but 4 short months before he would have voluntarily retired from elective office in nowise dims the glory of his achievements. It was his fond desire to retire and spend the sunset days of his life amid the scenes where his heart had its deepest attachment, with and among his friends in Passaic, and in and through his congressional district, where older men regarded him as a brother, younger men regarded him as a father, and children regarded him with honor and pride.

NO WASTE-AND-SPEND MAN

I have been told that when he superintended the construction of our high school he turned back to the city some $7,000. If the spend-and-waste philosophy of finance and economics be the true one, his act is not to his credit, for he was a saving man. But, if thrift, honest wages, and honest work still are the fundamental stones of any true national economy, then let us place in that school a plaque to his memory with the words inscribed:

"To the memory of a just man, who believed you cannot secure national prosperity by national waste."

He wished to retire and pass on to younger shoulders the spotless mantle of public service he wore with such joy to himself and such honor to his district. In the providence of God, "man proposes but God disposes," and the retirement that he desired for himself has been translated by the heavenly angels to the request to come hither and higher.

The literature of this world is rich in expression of beauty of those who face the eternal with stout heart and uplifted face. From the storehouse of precious memory, what shall we choose? Shall it be Horatio's farewell to Hamlet:

"Now cracks a noble heart. Goodnight, sweet prince, and may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

Shall it be Donald Hankey's farewell to the beloved captain, dear to the heart of every veteran:

"But he lives. Somehow he lives. And we who knew him do not forget. We feel his eyes on us. We still work for that wonderful smile of his. There are not many of the old lot left now; but I think that those who 'went west' have seen him. When they got to the other side I think they were met. Someone said, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' And as they knelt before that gracious pierced figure, I reckon they saw nearby the captain's

smile. Anyway, in that faith let me die, if death should come my way, and so, I think, shall I die content."

Methinks the most appropriate leave-taking is Bunyan's death of Valiant-for-truth.

"After this it was noised abroad that Valiant-for-truth was taken with a summons and had this for his token, that the summons was true, 'That his pitcher was broken at the fountain.' When he understood that, he called his friends and told them of it. Then, said he, I am going to my Father. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me, that I have fought his battles who now will be my rewarder. When the day that he must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the riverside, into which as he went he said, 'Death, where is thy sting?' And as he went down deeper, he said, 'Grave, where is thy victory?' So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

Remarks by Representative Rich

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. RICH. Mr. Speaker, it was my happy privilege to serve in this House with the late GEORGE N. SEGER, Representative from the State of New Jersey. I knew Congressman SEGER well and regarded him an able Representative, always conscious of his duties and responsibilities as a legislator. His long service as a Member of this House is proof of his abundant ability and popularity among his fellow Members and constituents as well. No man remains in Congress for more than 16 consecutive years without clearly demonstrating his ability and capacity as a legislator.

I knew Congressman SEGER personally as a gentleman of high quality and one who had the capacity to estimate his fellow men. He was tolerant and sympathetic. His death was a great loss to his constituents and to this House. It is a personal loss to me, and I extend to his bereaved family my heartfelt sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Hare

Of South Carolina

Mr. HARE. Mr. Speaker, one of the first men I learned to know on the Republican side of the aisle upon coming to Washington in 1925 was the Honorable GEORGE N. SEGER, of New Jersey. I soon observed that he was not to be known or "heard for his much speaking," but what he said carried with it such sincerity and honesty of purpose his statements were convincing and always exacted profound respect from those who heard him. There was no particular reason why there should develop a strong personal friendship between us further than that he was magnetic in his manner and readily commanded the friendship of all who came in contact with him. With increased associations I developed increasing fondness for his many amiable and outstanding virtues. Although we came from sections of the country where our constituents maintain an entirely different view on many political questions I consider it a distinct compliment to myself to know that our views on the philosophy of life, apart from its political aspects, were quite similar. He was a party man but never selfishly partisan. He was always sincere, honest, frank, courteous, and thoughtful in his deliberation with his colleagues regardless of political affiliations. He was a man of unusual good judgment and demonstrated a sincere interest in promoting legislation designed for the benefit of the public.

It was my privilege to spend some time with him at the same hotel for a year prior to his death and it was there that our association developed into a very warm friendship and where I learned to recognize and properly evaluate his ability and the outstanding virtues of his life.

His long service in the Congress is conclusive evidence that he merited the confidence reposed in him by the people of his State, and is sufficient justification for the high esteem held for him by his colleagues and many admiring friends.

Remarks by Representative Taber

Of New York

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE SEGER came to Congress when I did in 1923. I have known him closely and intimately ever since then. He has been a devoted and loyal public servant. Few men for so long a period of time have held the absolute confidence of their people as he did, beginning early in life and continuing their service to the very end of a long and useful life. He had an especially fine and pleasant manner, and was a keen student, and was always on the job. It was tragic that he should have passed away when he had contemplated retirement the 1st of January 1941 and not be permitted to complete his term at the end of which he had announced his retirement. Few men are able to train and name their successor as he was, and we must acknowledge in that he did a fine job, as he did in everything else. GEORGE SEGER will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Remarks by Representative Smith

Of Washington

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, death has taken a heavy toll in the Halls of Congress—nine House Members and four Senate Members have gone to their eternal rest since we last held memorial services. The Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses are setting a new record for duration of continuous sessions. The Seventy-seventh Congress has now completed 5 months of steady and arduous labor since we convened on January 3. Congress has been in constant session now for 533 days—366 days remaining of the Seventy-sixth Congress last year, the longest continuous session in our history, and 167 days of the Seventy-seventh Congress this year. The physical and mental strain is proving too much for many of our colleagues, who are dying heroically at their post of duty in the most crucial period of our national history, perhaps the most crucial period in the world's history.

We are living, we are dwelling
  In a grand and awful time,
In an age of ages telling;
  To be living is sublime.

Hark, the waking up of nations,
  Gog and Magog to the fray;
Hark, what soundeth?
  Is creation groaning for its latter day?

Worlds are charging, heaven beholding,
  Thou hast but an hour to fight;
Now the blazoned cross unfolding,
  On, right onward, for the right.

On, let all the soul within you
  For the truths' sake, go abroad;
Strike, let every nerve and sinew
  Tell on ages, tell for God.

Eloquent tribute could, and doubtless will, be rendered to every one of our distinguished departed colleagues who died as martyrs to public duty in the truest sense. I shall be able to mention by name only a few of them whom I "loved and lost awhile."

It was my privilege to serve on the Rivers and Harbors Committee with GEORGE N. SEGER, of New Jersey, and to come in somewhat intimate contact with him. As long as his health permitted, he was punctual and faithful in his attendance upon meetings of the committee and he contributed much to the discussions and deliberations. He was well informed in regard to the waterways of the Nation and a firm believer in the value and importance of navigation and its rich contribution to national progress.

Congressman SEGER was broadminded and not intensely partisan, although steadfast in his loyalty to the principles and tenets of the Republican Party, of which he was one of the most distinguished members in his State and the Nation. He and I frequently rode on the streetcars together on our way to our offices in the morning, and I came more than ever to respect him highly on account of his broad, wholesome outlook on life.

Mr. Speaker, as I think tenderly of those colleagues and how they bravely trod their way on life's pathway to the house of life, often misnamed the house of death, I am reassured in affirming anew the faith and philosophy of the poet:

> Afraid? Of whom am I afraid?
> Not Death; for who is he?
> The porter of my Father's lodge.

Remarks by Representative Thomas

Of New Jersey

Mr. THOMAS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, mine was a long and pleasant acquaintance with the Honorable GEORGE NICHOLAS SEGER. His district and mine adjoined. Mr. SEGER possessed a warm, congenial personality. His kindness endeared him to his acquaintances, and this was evidenced by the spirit of respect and friendship which the people showed him. These qualities, together with his high character and his devotion to his duty, made him an impressive figure in his home city of Passaic and in his district.

I was one of the committee of Members who attended his funeral, and I have seldom witnesseed a similar occasion where I saw stronger evidences of love and respect for the dead than was shown by the great concourse of his fellow citizens who gathered to pay a last tribute to their friend. In this tribute paid him by the people who knew him best, it was plain that they felt they had lost even more than a friend.

As a public official Mr. SEGER was unselfish and public spirited to a high degree; as a citizen and businessman, he was progressive, energetic, broadminded; as a friend to thousands, regardless of race, religion, or politics, he was loyal, sympathetic, thoughtful, always possessing a rare capacity for consideration for the man or woman who needed his assistance.

Those who were privileged to know him intimately—and that number was legion—knew Mr. SEGER to be a Christian gentleman, a faithful and honorable public servant, and a man who valued his personal friendships as his greatest asset in life. And no better eulogy can be paid to any man than that.

To the friends and relatives of Mr. SEGER comfort and solace may be had in this sad hour by reflection upon the life he lived and the friends he made. In their hearts he still lives in loving memory.

Remarks by Representative Michener

Of Michigan

Mr. MICHENER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I pay this tribute to the life, character, and memory of our late colleague, Representative GEORGE N. SEGER, of New Jersey. Mr. SEGER was more to me than a colleague and contemporary Member of Congress. He was my friend. In fact, it can be truly said that his friends were limited only by his acquaintances.

He was a retiring man, modest to a degree, but behind his apparent reticence there was a most friendly personality. He was in no sense a showman. He was genuine and real in every way. He abhorred the superficial and judged people for their true worth and not for what they feigned to be. He was mindful of the responsibility which membership in this body carries with it. He took his duties seriously. He was not a hit-and-miss voter. His votes were always based on logic, common sense, and an understanding of what he was doing. He was a man of unimpeachable integrity and rugged courage. He had the confidence of his colleagues and, I am sure, never betrayed that confidence. His district appreciated the manner of man he was and year after year returned him to the House. Preceding his service in Congress, he had acquitted himself well as mayor of his home city. He climbed the ladder of success one rung at a time, and each promotion was the reward for a task well done. Political preferment, such as accorded GEORGE SEGER, does not just happen. It is not accidental. One's constituents are fair critics. Every 2 years, on election day, there is a reappraisement of the record of Members of Congress. GEORGE SEGER met this test time after time, and usually with

increasing majority. He possessed in abundance the qualities essential to a real representative of the people in this great deliberative body. The memory of this good man will linger with us long.

Remarks by Representative Bland

Of Virginia

Mr. BLAND. Mr. Speaker, to know GEORGE N. SEGER was to love him. He was my very dear friend. I could not in a eulogy of considerable length speak of him as I should like or as he deserved. I came to know him in the early days of his congressional life and each year his quiet, gentle manner, his unassumed dignity, and his splendid poise increased my admiration for him.

Mr. SEGER served for many years on the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries, of which I have been chairman for the past 8 years. He was well informed in the problems with which we had to deal, sound in judgment, patient in consideration, indefatigable in his labors, and wise in counsel. One of the last missions of magnitude on that committee with which he dealt was as a member of the subcommittee studying Alaskan problems and particularly the fisheries of that Territory. It was my good fortune to be with him on that trip of about 6 weeks, and I learned then more than I had ever known before of his patient search for the truth, his tolerance in judgment, his humanity, his kindly sympathy with his fellow man, his desire to help wherever possible, and his zeal for the right. Party partisanship played no part in his deliberation. He wanted to know what was best for his country, what was right in his associations with his fellow man.

GEORGE SEGER'S life was an inspiration and an example. I conclude as I began—to know GEORGE N. SEGER was to love him.

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MONDAY, *August 26, 1940.*

Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., pastor of Gunton Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, who art the beneficent ruler of the universe, we thank Thee for Thy gracious providence.

Before we enter upon this new day, we would lift up our hearts and voices in supplication. Our wisdom is too insufficient for its tasks, our vision too narrow, our judgments too faulty, and our strength too incomplete.

We pray that Thou wilt give unto Thy servants an enlightened mind which leads to right decisions and a heart enlarged with sympathy for the needy. May we be thoughtful of those who serve us and faithful to those whom we serve.

O Thou who art the author and disposer of human life, we thank Thee for Thy servant whom Thou hast called unto Thyself. Not in sullen resignation but in glad and faithful obedience we yield ourselves to that wisdom which is too wise to err and too kind to injure. He is numbered among those who seek to do justly. He loved mercy and walked humbly with his God. We commend the members of his bereaved family to Thy love and care, and when our own life's day is done, give us all an abundant entrance into Thine own eternal Kingdom. And what we ask we ask in the Name of Him whom, having not seen, we love, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mr. EATON. Mr. Speaker, it becomes my sorrowful duty to announce to the House the death of our beloved and honored colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey [GEORGE SEGER], which occurred this morning in the Naval Hospital.

The shadow falls over us very often in these days of uncertainty and stress.

This is not the time for extended reference to the life of this fine American, but I should like to call attention to one or two facts in his career. For 18 years he has served in this House with distinction and fidelity. He was the ranking minority member on the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and rendered unusually able service there as he did on other important committees. Measured by the test of unselfish public service he was a great citizen. In his home community he was probably unique as the best beloved man in private or public life. For 8 years, including the period of the World War, he was mayor of his city. He had two splendid boys. With his benediction and approval they enlisted in the World War and occupied posts of great importance, responsibility, and danger at the front. In recent years he found unalloyed happiness in the companionship of his daughter, wife of a former Member of this House, and their little daughters.

I find it hard to speak about him, because we were so close together in our New Jersey delegation. He was our dean, and, more than that, he was our beloved and trusted friend. I cannot do more than call attention to the rare personal qualities of this gallant American gentleman. His character is best illustrated, I think, in his relationship with his secretary. For 18 years Gordon Canfield served as secretary to GEORGE SEGER, and during that entire time there never was a moment of misunderstanding between them. He always referred to Mr. Canfield as his third son, and when last year Mr. SEGER felt that growing physical inability made it necessary to announce that he would not run again for Congress he expressed the desire that his secretary be nominated to succeed him, and the citizens of his district gladly acceded to that characteristic suggestion and nominated Mr. Canfield. This is the attitude of affectionate loyalty he carried throughout his life in his family, in his business relations, in his long public service in New Jersey, and in all his relationships in

this House. He is gone; we will all go some day, and God grant that we may go with a record as gracious, human, and Christian as that made by GEORGE SEGER.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to my friend and colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. McLean].

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. McLean] is recognized.

Mr. McLEAN. Mr. Speaker, I speak as one with a heart full of sorrow, as one does with the passing of a friend. But the weight of my sorrow is lightened by the many happy memories of his usefulness and the joy I had in the devotion and friendship which developed from my association with GEORGE SEGER. Although somewhat older than most of us in the New Jersey delegation, he was always an agreeable companion and friend in our working as well as in our leisure hours.

This is not the time for extensive eulogy, but we cannot let the moment pass as we are about to bear him home without an affectionate word of our admiration and esteem.

As I knew his character, the hope of his life is realized. He met his Pilot face to face as he crossed the bar. The lonesomeness of the last few years is over; he has joined his devoted wife, the companion and comfort of his life, who passed on only a few short years ago—short years for us, long and lonesome ones for him.

I know that all of you appreciate his kindly disposition. I learned to know it as a new Member. He was willing, patient, anxious to assist and guide me toward the attainment of those desires which he so well understood and knew to be the desires of those who came to serve in this Chamber. As the years went on and I came to assume with him the responsibility of an older Member I respected and profited by his wise council and mature judgment in matters of public concern. His worth is appreciated by us all, particularly those older Members who knew his kindly, conciliatory atti-

tude, his thoughtfulness, and his consideration for all those with whom he came in contact.

As the gentleman from New Jersey, Dr. EATON, has said, it was his desire to retire from the stress and strain of public life in which he had participated since early manhood, when he was mayor of his home city. It was his desire to retire to a modest estate on the shore of a delightful lake in the hills of northern New Jersey and from there to watch the passing show of which he had been so large a part; but those of us who knew his Americanism, those of us who knew his devotion to the public service, will consider it appropriate that his career should end while he was still a Member of this body making his contribution toward the general welfare, and particularly of the people of his State and district whose confidence he enjoyed to a high degree.

On the morrow we shall take him home. We shall bear him forth to New Jersey. He will not be here again to respond to his name when called, but he will live in the hearts he leaves behind.

And to live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.

Mr. EATON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce that the arrangements for the funeral are as follows:

Mr. SEGER will be buried in Passaic County Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolution offered by the gentleman from New Jersey.

The Clerk read (H. Res. 577) as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. GEORGE N. SEGER, a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

Resolved, That a committee of four Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to and the Speaker appointed the following Members on the part of the House to attend the funeral: Mr. Eaton, Mrs. Norton, Mr. Wolverton of New Jersey, and Mr. Hartley.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the further resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, August 27, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *August 27, 1940.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. Frazier, its legislative clerk, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution:

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
August 26 (legislative day, August 5), 1940.

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. George N. Seger, late a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative the Senate do now take a recess until 11 o'clock antemeridian tomorrow.

The message also announced that pursuant to the foregoing resolution the Presiding Officer had appointed Mr. Smathers and Mr. Barbour as members of said committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. BLAND. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks in the Record at this point and include a resolution unanimously adopted by the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries this morning on the death of Hon. GEORGE N. SEGER, a member of that committee.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The resolution is as follows:

Whereas this committee has sustained the irreparable loss of one of its best beloved and most faithful members, whose sudden departure has brought the greatest grief to all of his associates in the Congress of the United States, as well as in this committee's labors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved: First. That the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries records its deep appreciation of the faithful, untiring, and efficient service of GEORGE N. SEGER, late a Representative from the Eighth District of New Jersey, whose public service has been marked with distinction, not only in the labors of this committee but also in the Congress of the United States;

Second. That this committee recognizes that in the death of GEORGE N. SEGER the Nation has lost one of its most devoted, loyal, and patriotic sons; the House of Representatives of the United States has lost one of its best beloved, most highly cherished, kindly, and genial Members; and this committee has lost one of its most faithful workers, who was always sound in judgment, wise in counsel, courageous in action, fair in deliberation, frank in discussion, and impelled by the highest ideals in his public and private life;

Third. That this committee will always hold in fondest remembrance its association with GEORGE N. SEGER and will find in his work an inspiration and an example;

Fourth. That the chairman of this committee is hereby authorized to request that a copy of this resolution be made a part of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD; and

Fifth. That the clerk of the committee is directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of its meetings and to transmit a copy to the family of the deceased.

Mr. DONDERO. Mr. Speaker, at the request of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, I ask unanimous consent to include in the Congressional Record at this point a resolution unanimously passed this morning by the committee upon the passing of our late lamented friend, Hon. GEORGE N. SEGER, of New Jersey.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

The resolution is as follows:

With profound sorrow, the Committee on Rivers and Harbors of the House of Representatives records the passing of one of its most distinguished, earnest, and conscientious members, the Honorable GEORGE N. SEGER, of the Eighth District of New Jersey.

He was the ranking minority member of this committee and had served continuously for 18 years. Always diligent and attentive to duty; always the kindly gentleman. He was always ready to contribute his voice and great ability, supported by long experience, to the advancement and progress of the Nation. His counsel and opinion held the respect of every member of this committee. His conception of public office was that it was a public trust, and no man could discharge that trust with greater fidelity and honor to the people of his district, State, and Nation than our lamented friend and colleague whose passing we mourn.

In recognition of his long and untiring services as a member of this committee and a legislator in the council halls of the Nation, we, his colleagues, wish to express our sense of personal loss in the death of our beloved and venerable friend and fellow member, and also to record our sincere appreciation for his distinguished services to the country; be it therefore

Resolved, That this expression of our respect and esteem be sent to the family of Mr. SEGER, spread upon the records of this committee, and offered for inclusion in the Congressional Record.

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MONDAY, *August 26, 1940.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Calloway, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. GEORGE N. SEGER, late a Representative from the State of New Jersey, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The message announced that the Speaker had appointed the following committee on the part of the House of Representatives, in conjunction with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative: Mr. Eaton, Mrs. Norton, Mr. Wolverton, and Mr. Hartley.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate resolutions of the House of Representatives, which were read, as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
August 26, 1940.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. GEORGE N. SEGER, a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

Resolved, That a committee of four Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. BARBOUR. Mr. President, on behalf of my colleague, the senior Senator from New Jersey [Mr. Smathers], and myself, I send to the desk a resolution, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution submitted by the Senator from New Jersey will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 304) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. GEORGE N. SEGER, late a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the second resolving clause of the resolution, the Chair appoints as the committee on the part of the Senate the senior Senator from New Jersey [Mr. Smathers] and the junior Senator from New Jersey [Mr. Barbour].

Mr. BARBOUR. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate take a recess until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 10 o'clock p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Tuesday, August 27, 1940, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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